Husband's Name: **WILLIAM HENRY PARKER**

Born:	5 May 1854	Jackson Township, Ocean County, NJ[1]
Married:	11 January 1880	Millstone, Monmouth County, NJ
Died:	26 February 1901	Jacobstown, Burlington County, NJ
Buried:	*Cassville Methodist Cemetery*, Cassville, Ocean County, NJ	

Father: JAMES PARKER (1820 - 30 March 1896)
Mother: CATHERINE R. SHEPHERD (June 1827 - 16 February 1915)

Wife's Name: **SARAH MARY PERRINE**

Born:	14 September 1854	VanHiseville, Ocean County, NJ[2]
Died:	20 March 1933	Crosswicks, Burlington County, NJ
Buried:	*Cassville Methodist Cemetery*, Cassville, Ocean County, NJ	

Father: CORLIS PERRINE (5 May 1815 to 17 October 1894)
Mother: ELIZABETH THOMPSON (21 November 1817 to 20 Feb 1881)

Issue:	Born:	Where:
1) IDA MAY PARKER	October 1880	Monroe Township, Middlesex County, NJ
2) ELIZABETH RUTH PARKER	**5 October 1882**	**Monroe Township, Middlesex County, NJ**
3) LILLIE PARKER	July 1888	NJ
4) NORMAN PARKER	February 1891	NJ

Not much is known of the early years of the PARKER family. It is known that the PERRINE family was living in the vicinity of Jacksonville since the 1760's. On the 24th of December 1876 SARAH married RICHARD I. FRANCIS, JUNIOR (born 6 May 1857) of Karr's Tavern, NJ. He was the son of RICHARD I. FRANCIS and SUSANNAH CARR. The ceremony was performed by REVEREND VINCENT MESSLER who recorded the event thusly: *December 24th 1876 Married near Clarksburg RICHARD I. FRANCIS of Monmouth County to SARAH M. PERRINE daughter of CORLIS PERRINE of Ocean County by me Minister of the Gospel, VINCENT MESSLER*.[3] Just over a year later, she was widowed on the 6th January 1878.[4] Her first husband was buried in the *Cassville Methodist Cemetery*. They had a son, ALBERT FRANCIS in 1877. Evidence suggests his surname may have been changed to PARKER. Daniel Perrine "The Huguenot" by HOWLAND D. PERRINE (1910) is one of the most frequently cited genealogies of the PERRINE family and contained within his discussion of CORLIS PERRINE, SARAH'S father, is to be found the mistake that has been repeated time and again by subsequent researchers, distorting this family history. HOWLAND lists SARAH'S first husband as *RICHARD FRANCES PARKER* which is, as just shown, wrong.

WILLIAM and SARAH were married in Millstone where they both lived at the time. WILLIAM is listed as being a farmer on their license to marry. For the second time, the REVEREND VINCENT MESSLER performed a marriage ceremony for SARAH; the witnesses were JOHN FRANCIS and NATHAN PARKER. The marriage book of REVEREND MESSLER states *Married near Clarksburg WILLIAM H. PARKER to SARAH M. FRANCIS, widow of RICHARD FRANCIS, deceased, all*

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of Monmouth Co....[5] A notice appeared in *Marriages* of the *Monmouth Inquirer* later that month: *PARKER -FRANCIS - Near Clarksburg, on the 11th inst., by REV. VINCENT MESSLER, MR. WILLIAM H. PARKER and SARAH M. FRANCIS, widow of RICHARD FRANCIS, all of Monmouth County.*

They moved to Monroe Township in Middlesex County, NJ soon after marrying. In the 1880 census SARAH is found as *MARY*, a 22 year old widow; her son is listed as *ALBERT PARKER*. WILLIAM is a 25 year old laborer.[6] By 1885 the family had moved to Millstone Township where WILLIAM and SARAH are found with three children: ALFRED, IDA, and ELIZABETH.[7] After the death of SARAH'S father in 1894, as one of the heirs-at-law, *SARAH PARKER and WILLIAM H. PARKER, her husband*, are found signing a deed conveying property owned by her fathers' estate to ANNIE PHIFER.[8] They are still living in Millstone Township in 1895 with their four children but ALBERT, SARAH'S son from her first marriage, is no longer with them.[9] It is known that the family moved to rural Nelsonville in the center of Upper Freehold Township for an unknown amount of time before the start of the 20th century. Nelsonville lies about a mile due west of Imlaystown on County Route 526.

The family was renting a home in or near Jacobstown in New Hanover Township, Burlington County, NJ in 1900. WILLIAM was working as a farm laborer and his mother, CATHERINE PARKER, was living with them at this time.[10] WILLIAM and SARAH were not found in a preliminary search of the 1895 New Jersey State census returns for New Hanover Township making this residence one of short duration. WILLIAM came down with pneumonia in January 1901 and came under the care of E.D. MAINE of Sykesville, NJ. His condition worsened and the 46-year-old WILLIAM died on 26 February 1901 from the pneumonia complicated by suffering a cerebral stroke, or *apoplexy*, leaving SARAH widowed for a second time. It is interesting to note that on his grave marker the date of death is inscribed as 27 February 1901. Further investigation is necessary to determine which date is correct. JACK HENDRICKSON from *Emleystown* was the undertaker. His passing was noted in the *Freehold Transcript* which states he was *of near Jacobstown, recently of Nelsonville*. He *died at his home near Jacobstown after an illness of several weeks*. The cause of death listed in the newspaper was *paralysis of the brain (*another synonym for stroke*) and pneumonia. The deceased leaves a widow and several children and was a son of JAMES and CATHERINE PARKER.*[11] He was also buried in *Cassville Methodist Cemetery*, with an empty plot separating him from SARAH'S first husband. The tall, white marble grave marker is inscribed:

Rest Father, Rest in Quiet Sleep
While Friends in Sorrow o'er Thee Weep

There is also a footstone with *WHP* on it. An inventory of his estate raises more questions than it answers for it indicates that he had a farm whose major crops were corn and hay. It did have some livestock including a mare, a horse, 6 cows, 2 heifers, 3 calves and 5 sows. The appraisers were WALTER BORDEN and ALZONE F. POINSETT, neighbors of WILLIAM'S. The administrator was CHARLES BORDEN.[12] This raises the question "Did WILLIAM own a farm? And, if yes, where was it?" Living in a rented home, as opposed to a rented farm, one also asks: Where would WILLIAM keep the 18 livestock and the agricultural implements he owned? No property records have surfaced to date to indicate such ownership while the last census returns enumerating WILLIAM are clear in

the fact that he did not own but was renting the home, not a farm, in New Hanover Township just seven months before falling ill. As mentioned earlier, the mention of the Nelsonville residency in the obituary has yet to be more fully researched.

Shortly after his death, SARAH moved to Clarksburg in Millstone Township, Monmouth County.[13] This was soon followed by a move to Imlaystown in Upper Freehold Township. On 24 April 1905, SARAH PARKER *of Imlaystown* obtained the guardianship of her niece and nephew that she had previously filed a petition for in the Ocean County Surrogate's Court. ERNEST and GRACE STORER, both of VanHiseville, were orphaned after the death of their mother, RACHEL (PERRINE) STORER, SARAH'S sister.[14] Being RACHEL'S sister, SARAH is one of the next of kin. She posted a bond of $400.00 *for faithful execution* of the letters of guardianship. Later that year, SARAH and her niece GRACE are found mentioned in the *Trenton Evening Times* in a society item where they are identified as part of a small group entertained by MR. JOSEPH STELLE of Allentown on Thursday the 2nd of November 1905.[15] This guardianship lasted less than five years, most likely due to her niece and nephew reaching their majority for there is no record in the Surrogate's Court terminating SARAH's guardianship.

By 1910 the twice-widowed SARAH is believed to have been engaged as a live-in housekeeper for S. POINSETT BOWKER, also widowed, in Upper Freehold Township.[16] The information supports this conclusion despite her stated age of perhaps 58 (the census returns are barely legible) being over a decade off; assuming MR. BOWKER was the informant, are we to assume that perhaps SARAH looked older than she really was?

SARAH married for a third time between January and August 1912 for in that month she, as *Mrs. JOHN ASAY*, was visited by her daughter-in-law CATHERINE PARKER. In the same newspaper of 11 September 1912, another Crosswicks notice states *Mrs. John Asay, of Yardville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. May Chapman, of this place*. She was visited by her daughter IDA in April 1913 and she visited *her son at Holmeson* that same month.[17] Her third husband was JOHN ASAY[18] and they were enumerated in the 1915 State census: SARAH, 54 years old, born August 1860 (!) married a 58 year old trolley conductor JOHN ASAY. JOHN'S son WALTER is living with them.[19] They are at the same place in the 1920 Federal Census with SARAH M. ASAY, now 56 years old (aging just 2 years in the last 5), wife of JOHN S. ASAY, a 68 year old (meanwhile, he aged 10 years in the last 5) street car conductor.[20] They lived on Main Street in Yardville next to JOHN'S son GEORGE ASAY, and his wife LINDA. No record of this marriage has been found yet in New Jersey or Cecil County, MD (1914 and earlier) where three generations of descendant's would marry. Assuming this was SARAH'S third husband, JOHN, a farmer, and his previous wife MARY H. (ARMSTRONG) ASAY, 53 years old, were living on Yardville Road from the *schoolhouse to hotel* in 1910 with three sons: GEORGE, 29; JOHN RAYMOND, 32; and WALTER, 12.[21] MARY H. ASAY, 54 years old, of Yardville died from a fractured skull after being hit by a car on 30 May 1911.[22] The story is told that MARY was on the way to *Groveville Cemetery* to put flowers on the graves of her children DAVID and MARY who are buried there. She was walking down Yardville-Groveville Road when she was struck by a speeding driver. Their son GEORGE died in 1922 and was buried in the family plot. The 1923 Trenton City Directory lists a JOHN ASAY as a farmer with a Yardville Post Office Box address which could be the same person.[23] It seemed that SARAH'S third husband died before 1930 as she is found listed as a widow once again in that year but that is not the case. They appear to have separated as JOHN died at McKinley Hospital in Trenton on 22 March 1937. He is buried with his first wife MARY in *Groveville Cemetery*. His obituary does not mention SARAH.[24]

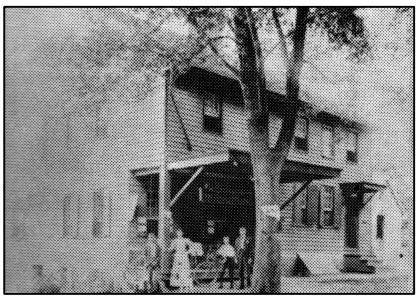
Sometime in the decade before 1930, SARAH'S daughter LILLIAN became mentally ill and was hospitalized. At the time of the 1930 census, SARAH had moved in with her son-in-law

GEORGE CHAPMAN and, presumably, helped him around the home and quite possibly in the grocery store he ran. GEORGE'S home was on Old Monmouth Road in Chesterfield Township.[25] SARAH is listed as a 66 year old widow, which correlates with her stated age in the 1920 census and her probable year of birth, 1854.

Soon thereafter, SARAH herself fell ill and stomach cancer would claim her life in 1933. Descendants are correct in stating that SARAH lived on Church Street in Crosswicks for that is where her daughter IDA MAY lived when she moved in with her in to be cared for. She was described as being very reclusive and quite strange, but this was probably due to her poor health. She died on 20 March 1933 at *her home* on Church Street according to IDA, the informant listed on the death certificate. An obituary in the *Allentown Messenger* on 23 March 1933 states SARAH died following *a lengthy illness at the home of her daughter, MRS. EDWARD CHAPMAN*. Private services were held on March 23rd *from her home*, i.e. the home of her son-in-law, EDWARD CHAPMAN.[26] The services were conducted by REVEREND GEORGE SCARBOROUGH of the Crosswicks Methodist Episcopal Church. The funeral director was H. ALLEN VANHISE of Point Pleasant. Her surviving children were mentioned: two daughters, MRS. EDWARD CHAPMAN and MRS. GEORGE CHAPMAN and her son NORMAN W. PARKER.[27] Her daughter ELIZABETH had died in January 1932 and it may be that her son from her first marriage, ALBERT FRANCIS, had already died too. She was buried in *Cassville Methodist Cemetery* in the empty plot between her first and second husbands: RICHARD FRANCIS on the left and WILLIAM HENRY PARKER on the right. Her gravestone is inscribed: *Mother SARAH ASAY 1836-1933.* The rather large discrepancy in her year of birth is unexplainable at this time and, as her parents did not marry until 1839, it is undoubtedly wrong.

Issue:[28]

1) IDA MAY PARKER: known as MAY, especially early in life. Married EDWARD T. CHAPMAN in September 1905 [not to be confused with the IDA M. PARKER of Clarksburg who married ALBERT HOPKINS of Hornerstown at Jacobstown Baptist parsonage on the Sunday before 4 February 1910 as announced in *New Egypt Press*].[29] They lived in several homes in Crosswicks: on Crosswicks-Ellisdale Road in 1910 being described as on a *hill top* in 1913 when she hosted her sister *from Sykesville* who *motored* there.[30] They lived on Church Street in 1920, and Front Street by 1930. EDWARD ran a general store (pictured) in 1910 and 1915 and is listed as an "ice dealer" in 1920.[31] In the early 1930s, MAY'S mother SARAH moved in with them at the house on Church Street.

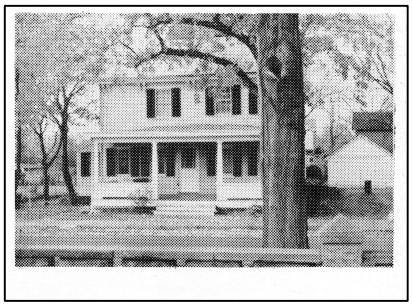


   a) MARTIN CHAPMAN: born May 1906; in 1964 he was still living in the same house on Church Street.
   b) STANLEY B. CHAPMAN: born April 1911.

2) **ELIZABETH PARKER**: married **JOHN LAWRENCE SOUTHARD** in 1901. Their story is continued

in their biographical section.

3) LILLIE PARKER: may have used the name *EDNA*. She married GEORGE H. CHAPMAN at the same time as her sister MAY married EDWARD as their wedding announcement appears in the same paper on the same day as MAY and EDWARDS. They were on Monmouth Road in 1910, possibly between Chesterfield-Sykesville Road and Bordentown-Georgetown Road. After the death of LILLIE'S brother-in-law JOHN L. SOUTHARD in 1911, they took in their niece, DOROTHY SOUTHARD, for a few years, while the widow ELIZABETH decided upon a course and moved to Trenton, NJ. By 1920 they were living in Sykesville on Chesterfield-Sykesville Road (pictured).[32] They also lived on Church Street in Crosswicks at some point but the time frame is not known. Between 1920 and 1930, LILLIE became mentally ill and by 1930 was committed to the Burlington County Hospital for the Insane in Pemberton Township. Her mother SARAH was living with them at the time. GEORGE was living on Old Monmouth Road in Chesterfield Township and had SARAH ASAY, his mother-in-law, living with him in 1930. He ran a grocery store.[33] GEORGE died in 1953 and LILLIE in 1963.



   a) MYRTLE CHAPMAN: born 1907; MYRTLE was the same age as her cousin DOROTHY SOUTHARD and the two remained fast friends throughout their lives. MYRTLE married (1) W. LLOYD TALLMAN of Columbus, NJ on 6 December 1924 in Elkton, Cecil County, Maryland[34] and (2) GEORGE LAWRENCE.

4) NORMAN PARKER: In 1910 he was living on the farm of EDMUND and CARRIE VANHISE on Crosswicks-Georgetown Road in Chesterfield Township, where he was a handyman. In 1911 he served as a pallbearer for his brother-in-law JOHN LAWRENCE SOUTHARD. He married BLANCHE ETTA EVERETT before 1920. In 1920 they were living on Crosswicks-Chesterfield Road in Crosswicks. NORMAN was a chauffeur and later, a painter.[35] Later lived at 329 Prince Street in Bordentown. He died 30 December 1965 and his funeral was conducted from the Peppler Funeral Home in Allentown. He was buried in *Cream Ridge Cemetery*.[36] BLANCHE was still living at the Prince Street house when she died on 26 May 1969. She died at Mercer Hospital in Trenton, Mercer County and was buried next to NORMAN.

   a) NORMAN E. PARKER: born 1914; World War II, Private-First Class, US Army, died 1946 Heidelberg, Germany.

Endnotes

[1] William Parker birth date from grave marker, birthplace from death certificate and surmised from known movements of parents..

[2] Sarah Perrine birth date from Daniel Perrin-"The Huguenot", Louise M. Borodaeff (unpublished, Morrestown, NJ) 1979, p.18; birthplace from death certificate. It is not known where Louise obtained this date of birth. This date does not appear on any records obtained by this author so far. Calculating the birth year from the available, a range from 1854 to 1859 is possible.

[3] Monmouth County Clerk, Vincent Messler, Return of Marriages, 10 September 1877; recorded in Book L of Marriages, page 76.

[4] "Cassville Methodist Churchyard," The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey, May 1978, Vol. 53, No.2, p.55.

[5] "Marriage Register of Rev. Vincent Messler, Minister of the Gospel." Available at Monmouth County Historical Society and LDS.

[6] 1880 US Census, Middlesex Co., NJ, Monroe Twp., 15 July 1880, p. 25, dwelling 251, family 264, lines 45-47; LDS microfilm T9, roll 790.

[7] 1885 New Jersey State Census, Monmouth County, Millstone Township, page 20, dwelling 123, family 129, persons 595 – 599.

[8] Ocean County Deeds, Vol. 219, p. 129, recorded 10 January 1896.

[9] 1895 New Jersey State Census, Monmouth County, Millstone Township, page 57, dwelling 361, family 365, persons 1695 – 1700.

[10] 1900 US Census (Free Schedule) Burlington Co., NJ, New Hanover Twp., 13 June 1900, p.8B, family 192, lines 76-83; LDS microfilm T623, roll 957, enumeration district 25.

[11] *Freehold Transcript*, "Obituary Notes," 1 March 1901. Available at Monmouth County Historical Society, Freehold, NJ.

[12] William H. Parker, inventory of; Book V of Inventories, p. 560, No. C147 Burlington Co., dated 9 March 1901; Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton, NJ. According to the Miscellaneous Probate Filings William H Parker can be found in P-11 and the file includes a renunciation of admin, petition for adm, bond, inventory, accounting, and several other proceedings but P-11 available online says P-11 only goes to 1900 (partial) and there is no index to file.

[13] Marriage Return of daughter Elizabeth to John L. Southard, New Jersey State Registrar's Office, Trenton.

[14] Guardian and Administrator Appointments, Ocean County Surrogate Court Records, Order Appointing Guardian, volume 1, page 208.

[15] *Trenton Evening Times*, 6 November 1905.

[16] 1910 US Census, Monmouth County, NJ; Upper Freehold Township, 1st District, 18 April 1910, ED 114, sheet 3A, dwelling 55, family 58, lines 37 – 38; page 232.

[17] *Trenton True American,* Friday, 30 August 1912, p. 7, column 4; Wednesday, 11 September 1912, p. 2, column 3; *Trenton Evening True American,* Monday, 14 April 1913, p. 5, column 1.

[18] New Jersey Marriage Index, Perrine, Sarah, license 1633 (1912)

[19] 1915 New Jersey State Census, Mercer County, Hamilton Township, Yardville, 1 July 1915, page 53, dwelling 1177, family 1196, persons 69 – 71.

[20] 1920 US Census, Mercer County, NJ; Village of Yardville (Not-incorporated), 15 & 16 January 1920; ED 33, sheet 6B, lines 78 – 81; roll 1053, page 115.

[21] 1910 US Census, Mercer County, NJ; Yardville [n.d.] ED 33, sheet 7A, lines 27 – 30; roll 895, page 168A.

[22] *Trenton Sunday Times-Advertiser,* 4 June 1911, page 5; Index of obituaries available online at trentonhistory.org.

[23] Fitzgerald's Trenton and Mercer County Directory, 1923, page 936; Fitzgerald Directory Company, 14 N. Warren St., Trenton, NJ; available at Trenton Public Library, Trenton, NJ.

[24] *Trenton Evening Times*, 23 March 1937, page 4.

[25] 1930 US Census, Burlington County, NJ; Chesterfield Township; ED 3-25, sheet 9A, lines 57-8.

[26] *Trenton Evening Times*, 22 March 1933, page 13.

[27] *Allentown Messenger*, 23 March 1933. Available at Allentown Public Library, Allentown, NJ. See also Mount Holly Herald, March 24, 1933, p.4, col.1

[28] Information on children obtained from conversation with John (Wilson) and Olive Southard, 18 August 1986, Trenton, NJ; and from other sources in author's possession.

[29] *Bordentown Register*, 29 September 1905, page 3, column 2.

[30] *Trenton Evening True American,* Monday, 14 April 1913, p. 5, column 1.

[31] 1910 US Census, Burlington County, NJ, Chesterfield Township, ED 58: Sheet 1A, dwelling 2, family 1, lines1-3; roll 971, part 2, page 1; 1915 NJ State Census, Burlington County, Chesterfield Township, dwelling 243, family 255, lines 66-69; 1920 US Census, Burlington Co., NJ, Chesterfield Twp., ED 78: Sheet 11A, lines 30-33; page 242; and 1930 US Census, Burlington County, NJ, Chesterfield Township, ED 3-25, Sheet 9A, lines 47-49.

[32] 1920 US Census, Burlington Co., NJ, Chesterfield Twp., ED 78: Sht.3A, p.234, #45-47.

[33] 1930 US Census, Burlington County, NJ, Chesterfield Township, ED 3-25, Sheet 6B, lines 57-8; and Pemberton Township, Burlington County Hospital for the Insane [Unfortunately, I forgot to record the specific citation].

[34] *Mount Holly Herald,* 13 December 1924, page 4, column 3.

[35] 1920 US Census, Burlington Co., NJ, Chesterfield Twp., ED 78: Sht.9A, p.240, #36-38.

[36] *Trenton Evening Times*, 31 December 1965